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Drivers Face Checkup in All Areas

Each driver of over-the-road, general trucking, and local haul and pickup truck and other equipment will be checked by Teamsters Union representatives during the period from April 1 to 15 in a nation-wide campaign announced last week by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Local 890 of Teamsters in Monterey County will participate in the general checkup to ascertain that all drivers are members in good standing of some Teamster union and working in accordance with union contracts and conditions.

Letters have been sent to all employers notifying them of the checkup and urging full co-operation with the campaign in order to prevent delays in deliveries.

Peter A. Andrade, secretary of Teamsters Union 890, said this union is making detailed plans for the checkup on all drivers in accordance with instructions from the international union.

The letters sent employers here read in part:

"You are doubtlessly aware by this time that, under instructions from our national trade division, approved by the international union, that we are going to check from coast to coast and from border to border, each driver of over-the road, general trucking, or local haul and pickup equipment, to ascertain whether or not he is a member in good standing of this local union in accordance with the contracts in existence between this local and your company.

"In order that you will be in no manner inconvenienced, and in the interest of expediting your trucks on their way, we hereby wish to officially request that you see to it that all members of our local union employed by you are working in conformity with the provisions of the contract now in force.

"We further notify you that if your equipment is subject to delays because of an infraction of this good standing clause in our mutual agreement, that yours is the sole responsibility for any inconvenience caused.

"We know we can depend on your co-operation and assistance in this matter and if there are any questions, please take them up with us prior to the start of our national 15-day checking campaign which will commence on April 1."

Sal's Creamery Signs Contract With Culinary

Negotiations last week resulted in the signing of a contract between Sal's Creamery, 611 E. Alisal St., Salinas, and Culinary Alliance 467, according to Bertha A. Boles, union secretary.

Sal LaBarbera signed the agreement for the Salinas creamery and at the same time his brother, Phil, who operates the Sal's Creamery in Watsonville, signed for the Watsonville unit with Culinary-Bartenders Union 345.

The agreement signed in Salinas was the standard industry-wide contract, Mrs. Boles said. Al Clark, secretary of the Joint Local Executive Board for culinary and bartenders union in Salinas, assisted in the negotiations.

TEMPO SPORTS PLANS START; MEET SUNDAY

Teamsters and other members of Teamsters-Warehousemen's Union 890 who are interested in softball or baseball are invited to attend a special meeting at 1 p.m. Sunday (March 27) at union headquarters, 274 E. Alisal St., to lay plans for the union's softball team entry in the B League of the Salinas Recreation Program.

The union's sports program got an unofficial start last Sunday when softball players and others met at the union's office to make tentative plans for the team competition.

Plans call for the union to provide full-coverage insurance for all players on the union's team, to supply uniforms and all necessary equipment.

The team will be formed and start practicing as soon as possible and the League competition begins in May.

Every member interested in softball or baseball is urged to attend Sunday's meeting.

Knowland Aids Filibuster



Filibuster Finish.—Republican Senate leaders William F. Knowland (Calif.) and Kenneth S. Wherry (Neb.), who teamed up with southern Democrats in a three-week filibuster, confer with Senate Majority Leader Scott Lucas (D., Ill.) just before they successfully won their campaign to bury civil rights legislation this session. Under the new rule 64 senators must vote to shut off a debate.

British Medics OK U.S. Health Plan, Embarrass U.S. Docs

Memphis.—The American Medical Association can be very happy at the way most American newspapers played down a story that developed here recently which undermined the AMA's campaign against National Health Insurance legislation.

The AMA has been using its \$3,500,000 lobby fund to propagandize the American people that the British Labor Government's medical program is a disastrous failure and a warning to this country against adoption of national health insurance. But the campaign backfired seriously at the recent meeting of the American Cancer Society here.

HORRORS, HORRORS!

Three noted British doctors were invited to this country to address the Cancer Society meeting. As distinguished guests, they were interviewed by the press, and to the horror of the American doctors present, replied to questions about the British medical service with high praise of it. None of the three noted doctors backed up the AMA propaganda.

The whole thing was completely unstaged and spontaneous. The reporters, looking for a story, asked the doctors about the British program which the AMA has been knocking as a failure. They all said it was working well. One of them—Dr. B. W. Windeyer, a noted cancer specialist—hit the AMA particularly hard by asserting that "the great bulk of the patients in the long run are going to get better medicine" under the national health program than before.

THEY GET GOOD PAY

Another leading British doctor—Dr. Stanford Cade—was asked by a reporter about the truth of stories that the British doctors were overloaded with malingerers and neurotics who were not really sick. He replied that he had not seen anything of that kind and added that the average person does not call on a doctor unless he really needs him. All of the doctors expressed satisfaction with the income they are realizing under the British program.

Some of the American doctors at the Cancer Society meeting were furious at the attitude of the British doctors. At an evening party one of them began to berate one of the British doctors for coming over here at the expense of American doctors and then trying to interfere with the way the doctors here are running their business.

The British replied he had understood that freedom of speech prevailed here, that he had done nothing but answer questions asked by the press, and that he had talked merely about what is happening in Britain without trying to suggest what should be done here. Other guests at the party were embarrassed by the rude attitude of the American doctor.

Need Inflation Controls

Washington.—We're still in for more inflation, the Joint Congressional Committee on the Economic Report concluded last week. The steps to be taken, said the Committee, are: Taxation of corporate profits; continuation of credit controls; allocation of scarce materials; extension of control over exports; stand-by authority to request cooling-off periods for price increases; stronger controls on government purchasing; and restrictions on mortgage lending and loans for automobiles.

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Hoover Commission Gives Full Report On Labor Dept.

Washington.—The Hoover Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government made public its report on the Labor Dept. this week and recommended the transfer of eight outside agencies into that Department.

The Department of Labor should be given more essential work to do if it is to maintain a significance comparable to the other great executive departments," the report said.

The Hoover Commission urged that the following agencies be transferred into the Labor Dept.: the Bureau of Employee's Compensation, the Employee's Compensation Board, the Bureau of Employment Security (unemployment compensation), the Selective Service System, the Maritime Commission board concerned with determination of minimum wages for seamen, the Division of Industrial Hygiene of the US Public Health Service, and several other smaller offices.

There are many good reasons why these agencies should be put in the Labor Dept., the report said. "Their functions are more nearly related to the problems of labor than those with which they are now associated."

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Calif. Unions Get Pay Hikes

(State Fed. Release)

San Francisco.—AFL unions in California gained wage increases of 7½ to 25 cents an hour through collective bargaining negotiations between mid-November and the end of December. Increases affecting more than 500 workers, as reported to the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' regional office in San Francisco are given below:

Sugar Refinery Employees No. 2037, 10 cents or 8%, effective 12/2/48, 1380 employees.

Bakery and Confectionery Workers No. 418, Los Angeles cookie shops, 6½ cents; macaroni shops, 7½ cents, retroactive to 8/22/48, 800 workers.

Bakery Wagon Drivers No. 432, Bakers Club, Oakland, \$5.00 to \$7.00 per week increase plus commission, and improved vacations, effective 10/1/48, 550 workers.

Butchers No. 506, retail, Santa Clara, Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties, \$5.00 to \$8.00 per week, effective 12/9/48, 500 workers.

Retail Clerks No. 428, food, same counties as above, \$5.00 to \$10.00 per week, effective 12/9/48, 700 clerks.

Butchers No. 421, retail, Los Angeles, \$10.00 per week, effective 11/26/48, 2500 workers.

Retail Clerks No. 1179, Contra Costa, clothing and dry goods, \$3.50 per week, effective 11/1/48, over 600 clerks.

Motor Coach Employees, Greyhound Bus Company, 7 Western states, 10 to 14%, retroactive to 10/24/48, 3600 workers.

Laundry Workers No. 2, Alameda County, 5½ cents, effective 12/1/48, 2½ cents effective 3/1/49.

Free Movies, Gifts, Games Are Planned

Start of the series of free motion pictures, entertainments, games and awards for youngsters in the Salinas area was set last week as Sunday morning, May 7, at Salinas High School Auditorium, the programs arranged and presented as a public service by the Central Labor Union of Monterey County (AFL).

Similar shows will be given weekly, each at 10 a.m. on Saturdays and each free of charge to all the youngsters. Approved motion pictures, cartoons and comedies will be shown, and from time to time entertainment of other nature will be presented.

The labor council has named a committee of Thomas Hill, president of Carpenters Union 925; Homer Bronson, of Teachers Union 1020, and Albert Harris, president of Teamsters Union 890, to arrange the programs and shows.

A projection outfit is being purchased by the labor council for the movies and Harris is making arrangements to get western films and cartoons for the opening show.

Cooperation of the school trustees through donation of the school auditorium facilities and of civic leaders has been pledged, the council reports.

During the show series, youngsters will be presented with puppets, bicycles and other gifts for participation in events and attendance.

Formation of a "Kiddies Klub" is planned also. The youngsters will register when they first attend one of the shows. Club members will get special privileges.

Then there is the startling story from Dan Hollenbeck (CBS Views of the Press) who quoted a transcript of a report from a California state medical association representative on how Governor Warren's health-insurance plan was smeared. Each of the 700 state newspapers, it seems, received a minimum of 100 column inches of advertising in 12 months. Previously they had been distant, aloof. After advertising—"We found that the response from editors, in publicly has been far beyond anything we expected when we started the campaign".

One-Party Press Fights the Public Interest

We have a one-party press clamoring for "two-party government". The same editorial pages which almost universally declared that ending the OPA would bring down living costs are now saying that stand-by controls are unnecessary in the present tense.

Another instance is the anti-rent-control drive of the Reader's Digest (15 million copies) through its article "No Vacancies", reprints of which it is peddling to real-estate boards.

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Mac's Cafe Remodeled; Opening Set

Remodeling of Mac's Cafe at 213 Monterey St., Salinas, is nearly complete and the re-opening is scheduled for Friday, according to Bertha A. Boles, secretary of Culinary Alliance 467, and A. J. Clark, secretary of Bartenders Union 545, both unions having contracts with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ivy, cafe operators.

Complete renovation of the bar and restaurant was included in the remodeling program and shiny new bar and house cards were placed in the cafe, which had been under union contract for many years prior to closing for the changes. The same crew has been re-employed for the house.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivy pointed out that the remodeling was made possible by the patronage of union people during past years and said they hope to greet their old friends as well as new ones in the bright new place of business.

Another Station Signs With Temos

Another gas station has signed a contract with Teamsters Union 890 in Salinas in the union's current organizational campaign, Business Representative Albert Harris reports.

Latest to sign with the union is Les Thompson, who operates a station at Front and Alisal Streets.

Secretary Bertha A. Boles of the union said details for making the insurance program effective are almost completed and wait only the final approval of the membership.

Union officials have been provided with Red Cross lapel buttons and necessary cards and papers to accept donations of the AFL program of support to the campaign.

Music for the dance Friday night will be by Jim DeNoon's Melody Rangers, radio station artists. Entertainment will be provided. The dance begins at 9 p.m.

Insurance Plan For Culinary 467 Under Discussion

Final vote on a proposed group insurance plan whereby survivors of deceased members would receive a payment of \$1000 will be a principal order of business at the next meeting of Culinary Alliance 467 of Salinas on Monday, March 28.

Secretary Bertha A. Boles of the union said details for making the insurance program effective are almost completed and wait only the final approval of the membership.

At last week's big meeting, five new members were initiated and several important business matters were handled. Mrs. Boles paid high tribute to building trades crafts in the Salinas area for co-operation which has resulted in several new union restaurants during the past month.

The Painters and The Plumbers Head For Diego in April

California's AFL Painters and Plumbers will convene in San Diego on April 10 on the same dates, April 8, 9 and 10.

California Pipe Trades Council holds its convention in the border city, and Bay Area locals are lining up delegates this month.

State Conference of Painters gather there at the same time for their 23rd annual convention.

Both gatherings will take up a number of matters of interest and importance in the two building trades crafts, including recent developments in employment and working conditions.

Sheet Metal Workers State Council will meet in Los Angeles, April 2 and 3.

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Just as the Republicans were primarily responsible for what the 80th Congress did or refused to do, because they were in the majority in both houses; so the Democrats are now responsible for what the 81st Congress does or fails to do.

It is an encouraging trend of the times that people are learning where to place the blame for wrong moves or failure to act. What is more people are not forgetting so quickly as they seemed to do a few years back.

The situation today, so far as the 81st Congress is concerned, is both clear and easily understandable. The Democratic party made clearcut pledges in their 1948 platform and President Truman presented the promises of his party in unmistakable language before the election and has repeated these pledges in no uncertain terms in his various messages to the present Congress.

It all resolves itself to this, namely, that the Democratic party must be given the blame for what their members of Congress fail to do, just as it will get the credit for fulfilling its pledges to the people prior to the late election, to the extent that they carry them out. Nobody else is responsible and no excuses can make amends for failure to act.

LABOR READY TO ROAR

There are no two ways about it. Labor is demanding fulfillment of pre-election pledges from the Democratic party. Nor is labor in a mood to deal lightly or indifferently with any failure to do just this.

All over the United States labor is organizing for political action. This move is supplemented by the most extensive program of education the American labor movement has ever undertaken.

Labor is freer than it ever before has been to move in any direction the majority may decide to go. What is more labor is in a mood to roar louder and more emphatically than has been its custom in the past if members of Congress or political parties break faith in failing to carry out pre-election platform pledges.

Nor will labor stop with just making a roar for any failure to perform. Already labor all over the United States is preparing to do something about it.

If labor surprised the politicians when Truman was elected Nov. 2nd there may be a lot of members of the present Congress, who have been accepting labor support in the past, who may be even more surprised if they still think they can disregard their pledges to labor.

GETTING FACTS FIRSTHAND

Too many people permit themselves to be swayed by what somebody says is so, when going right back to the original source would enable anyone desiring to know the truth to get it first hand. For instance, how many people there are, who vote on proposed measures at election time, who have never gone to the trouble of reading the proposal, which the law requires be printed in full before their very eyes. Instead they reach their decision by reading or hearing the often garbled and prejudiced statement of somebody else.

People who really want to know the truth, should go as close to bedrock as they can get in order to satisfy themselves in regard to what it is. In the case of proposals to be voted on the very best evidence of what it really is all about is the actual proposal itself. A careful reading of any such proposal will usually shed more light on what it contains than volumes uttered by interested parties concerning what it aims to accomplish for the reason that such discussions are almost invariably intended to influence others one way or the other.

The best way to study any proposal is to study carefully the measure itself for if it is adopted that is what will become the law and not what somebody said or thought it would be.

MUST IMPROVE OR DIE

Like all other organizations labor unions must improve and keep pace with the times. Unless they do this they must either pass out of existence or be displaced by better and more up-to-date organizations. Automobiles with the structure and build that prevailed for the very best makes of autos of 40 years ago would not stand any show of survival today, when every machine that manages to hold a place on today's market is a far better one than the best that existed 40 years ago. It is so with governments and institutions of every description. Those that improve and get better survive. Those that stand still or develop backward tendencies are heading for extinction.

People who do not uphold and will not defend their rights after they have been won and established, do not deserve to have them.

We have too many sleek politicians in office instead of faithful servants.

Behind the False Face!**Labor Ready to Do Housing Job**By RICHARD GRAY
President, AFL Building and Construction Trades Dept.

This is the last in a series of articles on legislative action to meet America's housing needs based on Mr. Gray's testimony before Congress. We believe that the adoption of our recommendations would make possible the construction of 1,500,000 homes each year for the next 10 years. This is the minimum number of units needed to provide every American family with decent living quarters.

I know that some assert that we do not have the labor or the materials which would be needed for a housing program of this magnitude. I wish to state most emphatically that I firmly believe that sufficient labor and sufficient materials are now available for us to undertake the housing program America needs.

The serious shortage of building materials which limited construction during the early postwar period is now largely a thing of the past.

We also believe that there are sufficient experienced workers in the building trades, together with the new workers who have been trained since the war, to successfully carry out the program we are urging.

However, we feel that if shortages of labor or materials should develop, the housing program is of such an emergency character that it must be completed even if less essential types of construction are deferred. Therefore, we urge that appropriate legislation be enacted giving the President standby powers for the allocation of building materials in order to ensure the successful completion of the housing program.

In concluding, let me emphasize one point. The 7,500,000 members of the American Federation of Labor, and particularly the 2,000,000 members of the trade unions affiliated with the Building and Construction Trades Department, do not consider the housing shortage as something which can be solved simply by enactment of legislation. We know that we will have to shoulder part of the responsibility for the successful completion of the housing program which we are urging here today.

We are ready and eager to discharge that responsibility.

Now, as in the past, we will work to make certain that there is an adequate number of skilled building trades workers to perform this work. Under the apprenticeship program which we have sponsored, a total of 134,294 apprentices were registered in November 1948, with 3,200 local apprenticeship councils throughout the country.

The workers of America look to Congress to provide the legislation for a housing program to meet the needs of all the American people. We in the American Federation of Labor assure you that if you give us this go-ahead signal, we are ready to do the job of building the millions of houses America needs.

AUTO HINTS

BRAKE FLUID—Brake fluid in the master cylinder of the car's brake system should be checked each time the car is lubricated in order to assure safe braking in any emergency.

SCHOOL ZONES—Help keep children safe in traffic, urges the California State Automobile Association in a reminder that the Vehicle Code restricts speed to 15 miles per hour in school zones when children are entering or leaving school, during recess periods and while playgrounds are in use by children.

USE WAX POLISH—New car owners in particular are reminded that chrome plated parts will retain their original luster if washed at regular intervals and polished with a good liquid furniture polish.

USE HEADLIGHTS—For safe driving during early evening hours, be sure to turn on your car's headlights half an hour after sunset, as required by the Vehicle Code.

Lighted headlights at dusk serve to warn pedestrians and other motorists of your approach.

OVERHEATING—Frequent causes of overheating of an automobile engine, advises the California State Automobile Association, include a broken or slipping fan belt, a clogged radiator, a defective thermostat, and a low water supply in the radiator.

FUEL PUMP CHECKUP—Old automobile fuel pumps often deliver sufficient fuel at moderate speeds but cause missing and poor engine performance at higher speeds. Motorists are advised to have the fuel pump checked by a competent mechanic at least every 5000 miles.

Tire Gauges

Many tire gauges now on the market are unlikely to provide the accurate measurement of tire pressures needed for the new low-pressure tires. Consumers Union found in tests of eight brands. Only two of the gauges tested fully met CU requirements. CU's advice is to buy a good gauge and use it weekly.

The gauges, all samples of which stood up well and gave good results under conditions similar to those encountered in normal use, were Schrader Passenger Tire Gauge No. 5050, \$1.80, and All State Air Pressure Gauge, Sears Cat. No. 1076, 80c plus postage.

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Apprentices to Lay Bricks in Union Industries Contest

Finals for a nation-wide brick-laying contest for apprentice brickmasons scheduled for the Union Industries Show to be held May 18-22 in Cleveland, Ohio.

The national competition, first of its kind ever to be held, is being sponsored by the Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers International Union which will seek to name the champion brickmason apprentice from a field of about 5,000 young aspirants from every state in the union. The final contest will see eighty fledgling bricklayers competing in a mass exhibition of masonry skills.

At least one aspirant will represent each of the 48 states. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winning brickmason apprentice. Those who have not been registered with the International Union for more than two years on June 1, 1947, are eligible to compete. "The contest has been given nation-wide publicity in the daily newspapers," said I. M. Ornburn, director of the show. "This is only one of the spectacular events which will take place at our all-union exhibition. There will be many other educational and interesting attractions sponsored by other A. F. of L. unions and manufacturers of nationally-known products that will participate in the Cleveland Show."

Preventing Deafness

Between 15 and 20 million Americans suffer from subnormal hearing, the U. S. Public Health Service says, but only about one-tenth of them realize it—the others have never learned that they don't hear as well as anybody else.

Much of this hearing loss results from injury or disease of the delicate ear structures that could have been prevented through proper care.

In a healthy ear, protective wax is secreted by glands in the ear canal. Excess wax may at times form a partially defining plug. If this happens, don't gouge with a match, hair pin or other sharp instrument. You may scratch the skin of the ear canal and cause infection, or jam the wax against the drum, increase discomfort and even rupture the drum. A doctor should be consulted. He can wash the wax out with an ear syringe.

Infected tonsils are another frequent cause of deafness. They discharge pus into the throat where it can easily reach the eustachian tubes and affect the hearing. If your doctor recommends it, infected tonsils should come out, the Health Service says.

In children, large adenoids are frequent, block the passage at the back of the throat above the roof of the mouth. These adenoids also frequently become infected. If this happens, they may endanger the ears. The only remedy is to have them removed, usually along with the tonsils.

Deafness can also result from injury to the hearing nerves. Such damage sometimes follows attacks of such diseases as scarlet fever, "strep throat," measles and meningitis. The only precaution is proper care and precaution when these diseases strike.

The average person loses some hearing every year after 40, the Health Service says, and there is nothing that doctors can do about this—except prescribe a hearing aid in severe cases.

But a lot of deafness is unnecessary, and it can be prevented if steps are taken to remedy the trouble in the early stages, before the damage is beyond repair.

GRIN or GROAN

Report from a country newspaper on a local romance: "... and the couple were married last Tuesday, thus ending a friendship which began in their schooldays."

"Where did you absorb your fine principles?" asked the interviewer. "At your mother's knee?"

"No," replied the great industrialist. "Across my father's knee."

"So you'll really marry me!" exclaimed the love-struck youth. "Well, when we are married, the dark clouds will roll away, the blue skies will..."

"Skip the weather forecast," said the girl, "and put a diamond on my finger."

Indigestion: The failure to adjust to a square meal to a round stomach.

Domestic harmony: Something a husband can obtain by playing second fiddle.

Nose: An appendage indicating a man's character, particularly if his wife leads him around by it.

Divorce suit: Something that is always pressed with the seamy side out.

Tommy: "What's the matter, has your girl turned you down?"

Billy: "Yes, I haven't heard from her for a week."

Tommy: "I thought she said she would write every day."

Billy: "Yes, but she didn't say to whom."

Mommy: "Asked little Dorothy, 'May I go out and play?'"

Yes, darling. But don't play with boys. They are too rough."

Well, mommy, may I play with a boy if I take a rough one and smooth him up?'"

Judge: "What started the trouble between you and the plaintiff?"

Defendant: "Well, your honor, it was like this. He threw a cup of hot tea over me; I hit him in the face with my bag of tools; then he broke a chair over my head—and the next thing we knew we were quarreling."

Signs of the times: The laws of supply and demand are being abused. Those who have the supply are doing the demanding.—Reno Gazette.

The old tramp knocked at the door and asked for a hand-out.

Did you see that pile of wood?

asked the farmwife.

Yeah, I seen it.

"Such grammar. You should say I saw it."

"Lady," grinned the tramp, "you saw me see it, but you ain't seen me saw it."

The doctor was very pleased with his patient's progress.

You are coughing more easily this morning," he observed.

The impatient patient answered: "Well, for gosh sakes, I ought to be. I've been practicing all night."

Chivalry is a man's inclination to defend a woman against every man but himself.

Girl Friend: "Joe! You mustn't drive so fast."

"Why not?"

Girl Friend: "The motor cop behind us won't like it."

"Was she furious when he broke off the engagement?"

"Furious! Why, she took off her ring and flung it on her right hand."

Policeman: "You saw this lady coming toward you. Why didn't you give her half the road?"

Unhappy Driver: "I was going to just as soon as I could find out which half she wanted."

A local food market has a sign on the tomato rack which reads: "Don't squeeze me until I'm yours."

Getting ability is the art of getting credit for the hard work someone else does.

OVER-THE-ROAD CHECKING CAMPAIGN April 1 to 15

All AFL international unions are asked to cooperate in the Over-the-Road truck drivers' checking campaign April 1 to 15. All Teamster locals and joint councils are participating in this official Over-the-Road checking campaign.

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Building Trades Win Galveston Strike

Texas City, Texas—Galveston Building & Construction Trades Council-AFL won hourly pay hikes of from 14c-18c retroactive in amounts up to 14c per hour from Sept. 1, 1948 to Jan. 23, 1949. The settlement, marking the end of a six weeks strike at the Carbide & Carbon Chemical Corp., affected 1400 hourly employees of the company.

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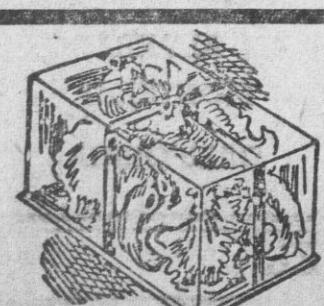
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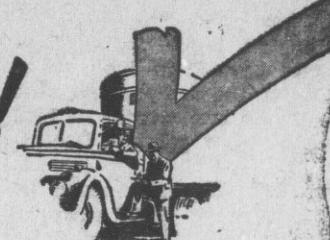
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VETS NEWS

Northern California veterans who enrol in school or job-training under the G-I Bill or Public Law 16 will no longer receive the immediate notice of receipt of their enrollment papers in the San Francisco regional Veterans Administration office, Robert P. Shields, manager, announced last week.

In the past veterans have received a notice containing the date on which their enrollment papers were received in the regional office, and an approximate date on which to expect their first subsistence check.

The fact that a veteran does not receive the notice of receipt of his enrollment papers will not affect payment of subsistence.

Approximately 4,000 northern California veterans are entering training each month. Shields asks that these veterans continue to cooperate with the VA by not making unnecessary inquiries concerning their subsistence.

If this was not the first "split" in the Union Carbide and Carbon stock, the actual profit, on each original share, was even higher \$10.65.

This stock splitting has long been done by many corporations. That's one reason why their profit reports are deceptive.

Thousands of veterans training under the G-I Bill did not receive subsistence checks on time last month because they failed to notify Veterans Administration of a change in their address.

Since the Post Office Department cannot deliver a government check to addresses not occupied by veteran payees, VA is urging all veterans receiving monthly checks from VA to report promptly all address changes.

An undelivered check is returned to the Treasury Department disbursing office. The office notifies VA and the records are reviewed to determine whether the check actually was sent to the address furnished by the veteran. If the address used was the latest furnished, VA holds the check until it hears from the veteran.

VA realizes that prompt delivery of these checks is important to each veteran concerned. So the importance of the veteran cooperating by giving prompt notification of address changes cannot be overemphasized.

Question: As the widow of a World War I veteran, I desire to file my application for a widow's pension. Must I file it in the city where my late husband died?

Answer: No. The application may be filed at your nearest regional office of the Veterans Administration, or may be mailed to the Dependents Claims Service in VA's Central Office in Washington.

Question: I am a World War I veteran who was married in 1947. Will my wife be entitled to a pension at my death?

Answer: No. The law provides that the widow of a World War I veteran may be paid a pension only if married to the veteran before December 18, 1944.

Question: I hope to take on-the-job training under the G-I Bill and would like to know the amount of subsistence paid by VA and the maximum amount I will be permitted to earn in order to get full subsistence.

Answer: If you are single with no dependents, you will receive a subsistence of \$65 a month, or \$90 a month if you have one or more dependents, provided your income from productive labor is not over \$145 a month if you have no dependents; \$180 a month if you have one dependent; or \$200 a month if you have more than one dependent.

Have you received your insurance policy? If not, please write, phone or come to the office of the union and we will find out why you did not receive one; it may be

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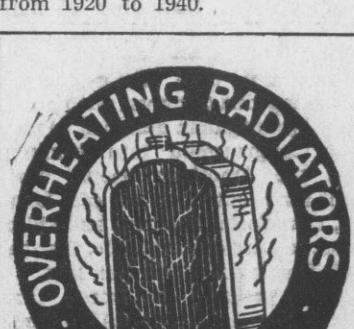
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NEW UNDERSECRETARY OF LABOR.—A Boston attorney, Michael J. Galvin (right), is shown being sworn in as Undersecretary of Labor. The oath is being administered by Judge Matthew McGuire as Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin, Mrs. Galvin, and AFL President William Green look on.

Wage Cuts Dangerous

New York.—Nothing would be more dangerous for our economy at the present time than wage reductions, Leon Keyserling, vice-chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, told the eastern convention of Amalgamated Meat Cutters & Butcher Workers (AFL) last week.

Keyserling explained to the 350 delegates that only by keeping purchasing power high can the country sustain full production and avoid a recession. The expression "labor statesmen," he said, "is too often used to mean that labor should make the sacrifice play first. I don't ask you to do that. I ask you to be good trade unionists, to be militant trade unionists in the best sense of that word."

The very small signs of unemployment and sales drops that we have seen lately are because consumers don't have enough money to buy goods, the economist asserted. Any temporary sacrifice that is needed, he maintained, should be made in the "fat earnings of the last several years."

Some downward price trends have been reversed in the last two weeks, Keyserling pointed out. "We can raise our living standards and our real wages, which I believe means raising our money wages year after year."

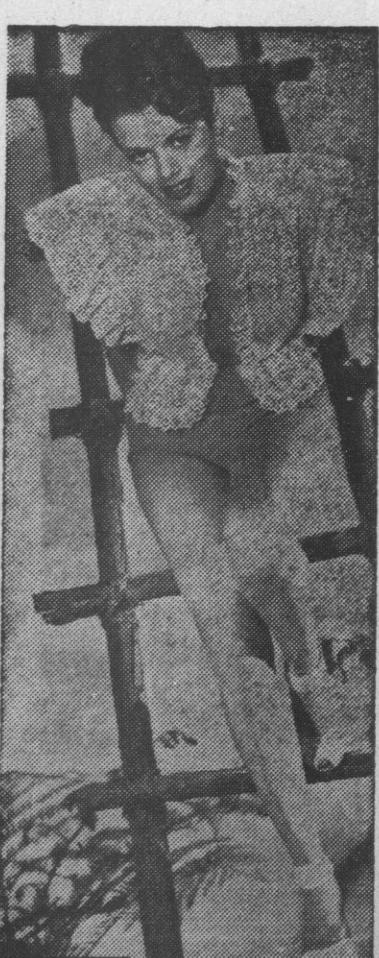
INTERSTATE TELEPHONE GOES IBEW; CIO OUT

The UWUA missed the bus again—this time in Washington state, where the IBEW won bargaining agent election from the Communications Workers of America. The UWUA wasn't even in the organizational picture on the Interstate Telephone and Telegraph Company's premises in the Spokane district.

A factor in the choice of the IBEW was the announcement shortly before the election by CWA President Joseph Bierne that he was taking the organization into the CIO, which had assured him the presidency of the national for doing so. Bierne had tried to make a similar deal with the IBEW but was promised nothing.

Dela MacIntyre and Jerry Winters were the IBEW international organizers who assisted the regular business agents of Local 71 in the Interstate campaign. The vote was 207 for the IBEW as against 182 for the CWA.

Labor is no disgrace but to buy non-union goods is!



Strikes Increase During January

(Labor Dept. Release)

Washington, D. C.—Strike activity turned upward in January, as is usual for the season, after the decline in the late months of 1948 to the year's low point in December.

About 225 stoppages began in January, involving 70,000 workers, according to preliminary estimates of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

These totals were about the same as in January a year ago. Idleness arising out of labor-management controversies totaled 800,000 man-days in January as compared with slightly over one million man-days in January 1948.

No work stoppages of industry-wide or nationwide importance occurred during January 1949.

Counting disputes which continued into January from 1948, it is estimated that approximately 400 stoppages involving about 110,000 workers were in effect at one time or another during the month. Twenty-three of these stoppages affected 1,000 or more workers.

In January 1948, twenty-one labor-management disputes involving 1,000 or more workers were in effect sometime during the month.

Spring Fever

Are you one of the victims of spring fever every year? Do you get listless, lazy and feel all run down?

If you are a spring fever victim you don't need to be, the U.S. Department of Agriculture advises, and if you want to avoid it this year you'd better take special care of your diet during the next few weeks.

The Department of Agriculture has found that the "spring weariness" so common in grandmother's day that she dosed her family regularly with spring tonic, is probably due to a shortage of vitamin C in the food you ordinarily eat at this time of year.

Food like potatoes, cabbage, apples, canned tomatoes and other vegetables and fruits gradually lose their vitamin C as they stand in storage. For example, potatoes held in storage for six months have only one-third as much vitamin C as they had when they were harvested.

Studies made of the blood plasma of school children has shown that it is low in ascorbic acid (vitamin C) at this time of year, and the same thing is probably true of most adults as well.

So, instead of waiting until spring fever really hits, and then dosing yourself with spring tonics and other remedies, the Department of Agriculture recommends that you concentrate now on eating more foods rich in vitamin C—citrus fruit or canned citrus products, more canned tomato juice, corn cabbage, and more vegetables and fruits generally.

Business Lobbies "Worse Than Ever"

Washington.—A personal letter from an AFL voter is "worth a bundle of form letters from professional labor baiters," Director Joseph Keenan of Labor's League for Political Education asserted last week in a special message to AFL members.

Despite the November election mandate, Keenan said, "the same special interest lobbies which controlled the 80th Congress are swamping this Congress with a deluge of propaganda designed to mislead Congressmen into thinking that the American people don't want rent control or low cost housing, that Social Security and aid to education are communistic, that the Taft-Hartley Act is a fair law."

"The pressure is worse than ever," Keenan warned AFL rank-and-filers.

Union Label On the Air

Washington.—A series of transcribed radio programs promoting the union label are now available for presentation by local stations.

Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin presented with a set of transcriptions by United Hat, Cap & Millinery Workers-AFL last week, praised the efforts of the union to make the programs available throughout the nation.

The series, dramatizing the lives of great men and important events, stars Hollywood and Broadway talent including Edward Arnold, Tallulah Bankhead, Ralph Bellamy, Milton Berle, Jose Ferrer, Edward G. Robinson and other well-known actors.

Oleo Tax Battle

Washington.—AFL and CIO lined up with consumers' and other public groups last week in another fight to repeal the federal taxes on sale of oleomargarine. The "poor man's butter" which with the coming of inflation has been widely substituted for the expensive dairy product is the center of a fight between representatives of the cotton and dairy products states. The House Agriculture Committee is expected to report this week on the oleo regulation bills before it.

"I-Q" Tests Are "the Bunk"

Alison Davis of the University of Chicago had heaved a high-powered bomb into the American Association of School Administrators' convention here, he could not have caused more consternation than he did by condemning "I.Q." tests.

The "I.Q." or "intelligence" tests which many schools use to "classify" their students, Davis declared, have been scientifically proved "invalid and unreliable." In simpler words, these tests are "the bunk."

Contrary to the results usually obtained by such tests in the schools, Davis said, children of parents in the lower income brackets" are not mentally "inferior." Experiments at the University of Chicago proved that "children of unskilled and semi-skilled laborers are equal, on the average, to those of professional groups."

Stanford University Professor Lewis M. Terman contended Davis went too far. He contended intelligence tests do reveal unusually bright children, but admitted he found them "in families representing all occupational classes and races in California."

ST. PETER AND THE SCAB

"I ought to get a large reward, for never owning a union card. I've never grumbled, I've never struck.

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Said he with a fiery gleam in his eye,

"Who is tending this gate, sir, you or I?

I've heard of you and your gift of gab;

You are what is known on earth as a scab."

Thereupon he rose in his stature tall

And pressed a button on the wall,

And said to the imp who answered the bell:

"Escort this fellow around to hell;

Tell Satan to give him a seat alone On a redhot griddle up near the chimney,

But stay, even the Devil can't stand the smell

Of a cooking scab on a griddle in hell.

It would cause a revolt, a strike, I know,

If I sent you down to the fiends below.

Go back to your master on earth and tell

That they don't want scabs in hell."

—Author Unknown.

British Want Music Better Than 'Slow Boat'

Manchester, Eng.—Saving young workers from the "Slow Boat to China" type of music at all costs" was the announced aim of labor leaders here last week when they sought government grants for orchestras like the Liverpool Philharmonic and the Halle Orchestra.

Conductor John Barbirolli told a Manchester Trades Council conference that the cost of good concerts is more than most people can afford. "Parks don't pay for themselves," he pointed out, "nor do art galleries. In fact, they are mostly frequented by devotees seeking the highest privacy at the lowest cost. Yet they are subsidized."

A delegate from the floor suggested that the big orchestras play more Irving Berlin and Cole Porter. Then more people would come to hear them, he said. Said another MTC member, "We have been an hours and wages movement for so long we have forgotten the things worth living for."

The bottleneck for Union Label products is at the point where union members stop buying them!



Milwaukee Millionaire to Give Rest of Life to Labor

Milwaukee.—A multi-millionaire Milwaukeean—Joseph E. Uihlein, 73—captured the nation's headlines this week by announcing that he intends to spend the remaining years of his life organizing white collar workers into unions.

Uihlein is one of Milwaukee's most aristocratic names. A Uihlein founded the Schlitz Brewery Co. and his descendants are the owners of it now. They constitute one of the wealthiest families in the midwest.

For years Joseph headed the brewery, but he retired and now it's managed by two brothers. Joseph has clashed with them frequently on policies. He and his children are still major stockholders in the brewery.

THEY DON'T LIKE HIM

For years Joseph has been a maverick in his class. He has advocated redistribution of wealth, heavier taxes on the rich, and more consideration of the welfare of what he called "daw volk"—the people. He insisted the New Deal didn't go far enough.

Now he has announced that he is resigning his post as a director of the First Wisconsin National Bank, one of the nation's largest, so he could devote "full time" to encouraging the organization of white collar workers.

WHITE COLLAR NEEDS

"I believe that five to six million Americans can better their lot by joining white collar unions," he said. "I hope to do what I can to encourage this. I am not in it for honor to myself but only through direct help to the working class."

"I've been thinking about this for years. I began to discover that a lot of these people of wealth are not deserving of what they possess. I found something was wrong with the wealthy class. I think a whole lot of them would be better off if they had to work."

He revealed he had already talked about unionism and pension plans to President William Green of the AFL and President John L. Lewis of the Miners, and that he hopes to confer with President Philip Murray of the CIO.

UNION WELFARE FUND

Uihlein announced, too, that a year ago he tried to join the Brewery Workers' Union, but he was turned down because the union's constitution requires that members must be employed at the craft.

Last week he stirred new row with his brothers at the brewery when he again proposed that the Schlitz firm turn 25 cents for every barrel of beer sold into a welfare fund for the firm's 4000 employees. That would amount to about a million dollars on the basis of last year's sales—or about 1/16 of the company's profits.

Uihlein made the proposal public at a hearing of the Wisconsin Senate Judiciary Committee, and his brothers promptly disowned it.

However, Local 9 of the Brewery Workers, on contract renewal negotiations starting next week, intends to take up the idea and ask for a welfare contribution of at least 20 cents a barrel. The union feels that, in view of the publicity, the company can't in good grace refuse to bargain on the issue.

Even Single Woman Finds \$1 Wage Is Rock Bottom Living

Washington.—A \$1 an hour wage, such as that proposed in bills now before Congress, is the absolute minimum on which a single woman can live in the state which has the lowest budget, according to a compilation made last week by the U. S. Labor Department.

The Women's Bureau collected 12 budgets that are used by state governments to estimate what is required by a self-supporting woman without dependents to maintain herself in health and meet the customary requirements of day-to-day living.

Even these budgets, which in many cases are rock-bottom figures, would require at least \$1 an hour in each of the 12 states—Arizona, Colorado, Washington, New York, California (San Francisco only), Kentucky, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The \$1 an hour figure assumes that the woman would have 40 hours of work 52 weeks of the year.

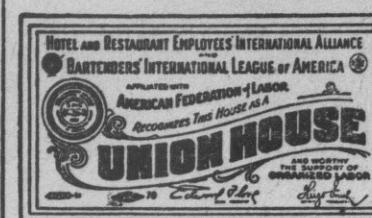
General Electric President Chas. E. Wilson said that at the same time new models of several major consumer products would be introduced at prices "substantially below" those of the models they replace.

The greatest wind velocity ever recorded by the United States Weather Bureau for a full five-minute period was in 1934 at the top of Mt. Washington in New Hampshire, where the wind blew 231 miles an hour. So "as fast as the wind" might be as fast as any rate up to that speed—and possibly faster—for the wind in the center of a tornado blows 400 to 500 miles per hour.

He became AFL secretary in 1937, holding the post for 42 years, until his retirement in 1939. The duties of AFL treasurer were added while he held the job.

One objective of good work is to receive good wages. Don't throw them away on shoddy, non-union goods!

LOCAL 483 REPORTS



HOTEL AND RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES & BARTENDERS ALLIANCE 483 MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA

The regular membership meeting, held on Wednesday afternoon, March 16th, was rather poorly attended, considering our membership strength and the importance of the meeting. Principal item of business was the discussion of the working agreement for the coming year. The Contract Committee, appointed during February meetings, gave a report of their meetings and discussions. Numerous questions will be clarified prior to our next regular meeting, to be held on Wednesday, April 6th, at 8:30 p.m. Since our contracts constitute the single most important piece of business for the entire year, it is hoped that the hall will be packed at the next meeting.

The Secretary was authorized to purchase an Addresserette for the office use. This piece of equipment will enable our office staff to get mailings out to the entire membership with the least amount of time and effort. It should prove most helpful in getting out regular monthly notices of meetings scheduled, in order that our members will be reminded of meeting date and time.

ORGANIZING REPORT

A report of organizational activities during the past few weeks was given by your secretary, and by Brother Osterloh, our business agent. Your secretary reported on the meeting recently held with Mr. H. H. P. Siemsen, manager of Del Monte Lodge. Mr. Siemsen was very cordial, and reaffirmed his previous offers of extending employment opportunities to members of Local 483. More recently, a meeting was held with Mr. S. F. B. Morse, chairman of the Board, Del Monte Properties Company. During the course of a rather lengthy discussion, Mr. Morse stated that Del Monte would certainly not object to any of their culinary and bar employees becoming members of our union. He also stated that our union members, employed by Del Monte, may wear their union working button while on the job, if they wish, and that union officers will have access to Del Monte at any reasonable time they wish to interview members or investigate working conditions. Your secretary pointed out to Mr. Morse that our union had enjoyed very friendly and cordial relations with Del Monte over a period of many years, despite the lack of a signed contract, and that it is our wish to continue and enhance those friendly relations. Mr. Morse expressed approval of this viewpoint.

All of our labor problems are not discussed in such an intelligent and friendly manner, however.

After several attempts to gain cooperation from Mac's Coffee Shop, located on the corner of Franklin and Tyler Streets, it has become necessary to request a citation from the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council. The owner of the shop will be invited to appear before the next regular meeting of the council to show cause why he should not be placed on the "We Do Not Patronize" list, and Local 483 authorized to place pickets if they so desire. The dispute has come about over the refusal of the firm to adhere to union working conditions and wages.

The failure of the operators of the Karmelkorn Fountain Restaurant to keep their promise and come up with a signed agreement has also been brought to the attention of the Central Labor Council. It is expected that discussions with this firm will be renewed in the immediate future.

GIVE AND TAKE

Your secretary and your executive board have been much concerned recently with scattered reports of strife and ill feeling among fellow employees, working for the same firm. Upon investigation of several of these reports, it has been found that in some cases employees are fighting amongst themselves, usually over petty differences, and that some stoop to carrying tales

Wheat Down, Bread Up!